

# The Star

AN OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE SALVATION ARMY CANADA

Vol. IV. No. 193.

TORONTO, CANADA, JULY 7TH, 1888.

PRICE 5 CENTS

## TO KNOW GOD!

"An altar . . . to the unknown God."

In matters of religion as well as of political import, it may well be said that every repeats itself, and as to the days when Paul "wandered in solitude" through the streets of Athens, admiring, as he most certainly must have done, his temples and colonnades, its gilding and gay

port, its statues of deified heroes upon the plane trees on the level ground, its sanctuaries on the ledges of the rocks, and its bright sunshine for all, which went to make that "marvelled scene of 'festive beauty'" which marked the most chastely beautiful and highly-cultured city of the then known world; he found himself on every hand surrounded by the signs and tokens of a cultured civilization. So to-day in the midst of our civilized life, in the midst and bustle of our systematized commercial activity, in the depths of the redundancy of our intellectual life, may the student of human life whose reason has been quenched with the pulsations of the brain life, see on every hand the temples and altars that a licentious and society is raising to unknown gods. As he of old was moved by the sight of monuments that displayed itself to the Athenian people, those "most august of all the Greeks," as Cicero has called them; so in our present generation this revival of religion as it is sometimes called, the spirit of enquiry that is abroad in the world, the spread of even the principles and honest display of the Revelation of the Divine Word, display, each individually and combined, the same unrest, the same craving after substantialities, the same reaching out of the souls from their only satisfactory resting place, the possession of the Infinite, the communion with the Divine, the yearning into that God which is the source and essence of all soul-life. To-day the old lesson is just as applicable which Paul drew, with his admirable skill from the inscription on the altar, and in which he used the heathen temples of idols for the framework of his argument.

"Whom ye ignorantly worship, Him I declare unto you." Oh! how greatly do cultured men, and even generous people to-day worship God, how above, as far away is He to the people to-day as He was to the Athenians then. How many orthodox Christians, how many polished Churches, how many persons admit how many Salvationists there amongst us, who in deed of a truth rise altars to an unknown God? As Paul drew the lesson from the Universal Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Man, we are startled and astonished. Are Christian minds, although acknowledging the Unity of God and His Fatherhood to all men, often found denying in act that great truth so inseparably united with it—the Unity of the Father and the Son? By His very means to any one of us, drawn closely together and inseparably united in one. Are we not all one Father? Hath not

God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?"

And this does not apply only to the general Fatherhood of God, but even amongst those who have entered into close fraternal communion with Him through Christ there are separations, and divisions, sects, jealous burnings, jealousies, emulations and strife, and so do Christian men in their worship and service erect altars to a God afar off, and One whose character to them is unknown.

humbly with their God, their inscription is plainly read and known of all men, dedicated to a God whose character and attributes they have not known. Continually gazing up into heaven and living in an ecstasy of adoration, they worship a God afar off, and follow after an ideal that makes them unpractical in the practical world which is their probation, and wrap into the heavens of aesthetic contemplation they know not the God whose delights are with the children of men

scientists call, rightly enough, our organization. And the laud to which we are sailing is Eternal Life. Shall we fail or shall we succeed? Shall we founder and drown at sea, and sink to eternal death? Or, shall we so pass through the waves of this troublesome world that finally we come to the land of everlasting life.

Certainly in one thing, we shall sink and not swim if we do not *know* God, if we do not learn and keep the law and commandments, and testimonies, and judgments that He has given us concerning our mortal life. If we do not, that we shall go through life ignorantly and blindly, knowing not God, and the end will be failure and ruin, and death to our souls. If we do not know God and keep the laws of God, the laws of God will keep themselves, in spite of us, and they will grind us to powder. Do not let us fancy that we may do wrong without being punished, and break God's laws because we are not under the law but under grace. We are only under grace so long as we keep clear of the law. The moment we do wrong, we put ourselves under the law, and the law will punish us. If we go into a mill and the owner of it is our best friend, even our father—would that prevent our being crushed by the machinery if we through ignorance or heedlessness got entangled in it? I think not! Even so, though God be your best friend, yet your Father in Heaven, that will not prevent you being injured, it may be ruined, not by wilful sin only, but by mere folly and wilful ignorance. Therefore, our only chance for safety in a life and forever is to know God, and to learn His laws and statutes about our life, that we may pass through it justly, honorably, virtuously, successfully, well pleasing to God and blessedly helpful to our fellow men. "O that my ways were made so direct that I might keep Thy statutes."

The only way to attain eternal life is to know God, and in keep and profit by His laws, His commandments, His testimonies, His judgments. His commandments are ten positive rules which must be kept if we do not intend to die in eternal death. "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." His testimonies are what He has witnessed and declared about Himself, His character, His power, His goodness, His justice, His love. The Bible is full of these, who He is, what He does, and what He requires, and the testimony of holy men concerning God, and concerning duty; concerning God's dealings with their souls, and with other men and nations, and with all nations to the end of time. These most men learn as did David. "I have had a great delight in Thy testimonies, as in all manner of riches." The judgments are the way in which He rewards and punishes men, those also are in the Bible, and we may learn them too from our own experiences, from what happens to those we know if they do right, and what happens to them if they do wrong. "I remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord, and received comfort." (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR).



"Whom ye ignorantly worship, Him I declare unto you."

But more particularly in their inner hearts and lives, do Christian men follow an Unknown God, their ideal is a creature of their own formation, they worship a deity whom, for the most part, they have made after their own image and likeness, and this also, oftentimes in matters of sanctification and correctness of life, straining at gnats in matters of meats and drinks, and swallowing whole canals of self-righteousness and self-conceit, neither doing justly, nor loving mercy, nor walking

upon earth, and Who lives and moves in His children in the toiling trivialities of ordinary life, and so like water logged vessels, they make no headway and oftentimes growing weary, sink beneath the waves, a warning or may be an impediment to more vigorous craft.

For this world after all is a sea over which each of us sails, and the ship in which we sail is our own nature and character, what Paul like a truly scientific man calls, our flesh; and what modern











Time—"The five o'clock."

CAPT. MINNIE KEITH

I am happy every day,  
Sticking at it.

CHORUS.

Sticking at it, sticking at it !  
Hallelujah, I am still  
Sticking at it !

GEORGE F. SMITH.

Jesus.  
CARRY L. M'LAUREN.  
Time—"Nothing but the blood of Jesus,"  
**I** WOULD be a little child,  
Living at the feet of Jesus

at the foot of Ten

**THE COMMISSIONER'S**

## rings of synaps:lay at

the station reports is by far the heaviest and most laborious duty of the editorial staff, and occupies many, many hours of the week, and is often carried on throughout the night and beyond the hours of the latest and most protracted meeting.

be many varieties.

And then there are a host of  
artisans. Once they were quite  
associated with the poorest, hu-  
mors in the vineyard; but the  
in the world, and now their  
the claims of their family, or

... have never thou

Do not let us be discouraged if but few are willing to accept our prayer, do not let us add to the number of deserters, however great that number may become. Do not let us be discouraged because we discover that many who are not yet ready to be Christians.

## led away on urgent

Our ranks are full of them ! They have already been dug from the great mine. Rough indeed they are, tattered and torn, besmared with the dirt of drink and sin, and vice, they

the presence of

dwelt 'neath a stony shell?  
how many of the brute creation  
strongest instincts of a gentler  
clothed with the thickest skin  
Is it surprising then that  
roughest diamonds may prove  
most valuable and the hardest

and again  
with the  
ure are







	8
--	---

went in our prayer meeting numbers dropping and holding up their hands for prayer, yet they would not yield. We are still believing for them. Victory is our cry.

DUNDAS.—Capt. J. Thompson. We have had some very warm and close weather this week, and as a consequence we have been unable to get but few people in the hall, and so being equal to the occasion we went out to the people and found lots willing to listen to the Gospel in the open. Yesterday afternoon we held our meeting in the Town park. We propose continuing them for the season, where we will be able, I believe, to do a lot for God.

HAMILTON.—Capt. J. Brooks. We

have just closed another week of glorious victories. On Monday night we had our meeting in the gymnasium and a large crowd

listened to and drank in the words that were spoken and at the close one poor man came and knelt at the drum-head and got

Salvation. Saturday night another came and on Sunday six more, amongst them were three men under the influence of Satan, but the Saviour accepted them all.

sent them on their way rejoicing. Praise God forever. We are hallowing for still greater victories here.

PORT ROWAN.—Capt. Wearer. Ye

terday was a blessed day to our souls. Our  
came and blessed us and took hold of the  
unsaved till they trembled and wept who

they saw their terrible danger. We took hold of God by faith for souls and at the close of the day He crowned our work with

one soul, was not there rejoicing as we joined hands and one after another told how the Lord had blessed them? Some shouted, some laughed and some wept!

joy. Faith and prayer always brings  
victory. Hallelujah!

ST. CATHARINES. — Capt. Merritt  
Glory to God on high! The past we

has been a most glorious one, and we rejoiced over seeing four souls and two backsliders coming to Jesus. On Wed-

day night one sister who has been a regular attendant for four years or more became convicted at last that she came out all right she has since been as happy

can be. On Wednesday we had a board of directors meeting and one poor prodigal, who had a praying mother, came home to Je-

and was made happy. Saturday night  
other poor man, who had been a soldier  
for a while but would not give up  
tobacco and so wandered away into sin.

drink, got so miserable that he came home and gave up tobacco and all. Of course he got right with God and is now happy.

Jeane. On Sunday all day we had a blessed time, with one man and one little out for Salvation; more to follow. God be the glory.

The gold fever has seized the Boon

the Transvaal, and as it is a free country, the colonists and natives of the surrounding tribes are rushing with mad haste to

of fortune finding. Places that  
villagers only a few weeks ago are  
prosperous towns, and in corps where

officers were able to collect only a few shillings to carry on the work of God, and incurred amounts to thirty pounds, and now over sixty pounds a week.

one case, sixty pounds a week. Financial prosperity is indicative of spiritual prosperity for souls are getting saved on all hands.

saved—in the very building in which  
used to propound Socialist doctrines  
testifies to his salvation on the same

Denmark and Sweden have started "All the World" each. Sweden is divided into three districts.

we | divided into three segments



